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BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION:

1. S was born on 13 Aug 'Ol in FREISTADT (49 52N-18 33E), CSR. He attended grammar school for 4 years and high school for 6 years and then became a public official with the old-age insurance association. S had a perfect knowledge of the Czech language and with this as a basis had easily learned the Russian language during the war. S was able to write, read and speak Russian.

2. From Sep '45 to Mar '50 S was interned in 3 different PW Camps in KRASNO-DAR (45 O2N-39 OOE). He was assigned to construction work in town, at an oil pipe line and to administrative work in the PW Camp. During this time S had only some

contact with Russian civilians.

From Mar '50 to Sep '53, S was interned in the PW hospital 5351 in SHAKHTY (47 46N-40 12E). The hospital took care not only of sick PWs from SHAKHTY and surroundings, but also received patients from very far off areas who were treated there and then turned over to PW camps in the SHAKHTY area. S acted as assistant camp leader and handled the PW camp personnel records in Russian, the food records for the PWs as well as for the guarding MVD personnel, he accompanied trucks shipping food and heating fuel to the PW hospital and he also took care of the stove in the rooms of the MVD personnel. S had daily and close contact with the Russian civilians in the hospital, i.e. physicians, clerks and nurses and with the MVD personnel guarding the PWs and those being in charge of the Russian employees of the hospital. S also had contact with Russian drivers of the trucks procuring food and fuel and with Russian farm workers when hauling agricultural products from the various kolkhozes. Due to the fact that many PWs and also non-German prisoners passed through this camp, S was always well informed about the situation.

3. S was an ethnic German from Czechoslovakia. He was born when this territory belonged to Austria. When the new Czechoslovakian State was founded in 1918 S became a government official but was a strong supporter of the "back-to-Germany" tendency. When the area was occupied by Germany in 1938 S joined the Nazi Party and held the position of a "Hauptamtsleiter". In 1945, while S was in Russian imprisonment, his family was expelled. S had a profound hatred against the Czeche-slovakians and emphasized repeatedly that he would be willing to again become a soldier and fight against Czechoslovakia in order to free his home country, in spite of the fact that S had already served 3 times, once with the Austrian Army, the second time with the Czechoslovakian Army and the third time with the German Army. The above remarks were only made in order to allow a better judgement of S' reliability. S was extremely cooperative, he followed the interview with high interest and was very talkative. It was sometimes difficult to follow the speed with which S made his statements. S volunteered all information. Due to Sts

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24. From '50 to Nov '51 an alleged Lt from the US Air Force was in the PW hospital in SHAKHTY. S did not recall his name but he had talked to him. This Lt stated that he had served with the US Air Force in BERLIN. He was about 25 years old at that time, 1.75 m, dark hair, spoke excellent German and allegedly living in NEW YORK (40 43N-74 OlW). He wore khaki uniform parts and also his other equipment, was not of German origin. He was arrested in East BERLIN in '48 or '45 when he tore down a picture of STALIN. He was allegedly drunk on this occasion. This American stayed in the PW hospital till Nov '51 and was then allegedly transferred to a PW Camp in ASBEST (57 OON-61 30E). The reason for this transfer was the fact that he had participated in a little uprising of PWs against the MVD guards in order to free one other PW who was arrested, because he had had an affair with a Russian girl, and had refused to reveal her name. All participants of this uprise were taken to the jail in NOVOCHERKASSK (47 24N-40 06E) and there

sentenced again to 25 years confinement and then shipped to ASBEST.

Another inmate of the PW hospital, who did not have the status of a PW, was the Polish Professor Dr. Josef SAWISTOWSKI-NIDERHAUS, of WARSZAVA (52 15N-21 00E) This man had been member of a Polish Government Delegation to MOSKVA in '46. All other members returned to Poland, but he was arrested. Till '52 this man exchanged mail with someone in England. Then it was forbidden and he only received mail from West Germany. His wife was allegedly employed at the Sorbonne in PARIS (48 51N-02 20E). SAWISTOWSKI was still in the PW hospital when S left in Sep 53.

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